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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH TANZANIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER KADUMA

1. DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 27 CALL ON THE SECRETARY
TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KADUMA DEFENDED THE LUSAKA
STATEMENT OF THE FIVE PRESIDENTS, SAYING THAT THEY HAD
BEEN CONCERNED BOTH WITH BOOSTING THE MORALE OF THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND AVOIDING THE IMPRESSION OF HAVING
BEEN HIJACKED BY THEM. THE SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT
WHILE THE USG SHARED THESE FEELINGS ABOUT THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS, HE WAS SURPRISED THAT THE FIVE PRESIDENTS HAD NOT
EVEN MENTIONED THE USG'S RECENT ACTIVITIES; ALSO THAT
THEY HAD REFERRED TO THE RHODESIAN POSITION AS "SMITH'S
DEMANDS." THEY HAD NOT BEEN SMITH'S DEMANDS AT ALL BUT
CONCESSIONS WHICH THE SECRETARY HAD OBTAINED IN HIS
DISCUSSIONS. THE FIVE PRESIDENTS COULD AT LEAST HAVE
SAID THAT SOMETHING HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED RECENTLY.

2. THE SECRETARY TOLD KADUMA THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR
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HIM TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING IN AFRICA IF HE WERE PUT IN

THE POSITION OF ALWAYS HAVING TO DEFEND HIMSELF. HE HAD JUST WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT NYERERE ABOUT THIS. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SAY WE WERE WORKING FOR THE BLACK AFRICANS

AND THEN SEE THE PRESS SAY THAT THE BLACK PRESIDENTS HAD REJECTED OUR PROPOSAL. IT ALSO MADE IT DIFFICULT WHEN THE PRESS WAS GIVEN A PRETEXT FOR SAYING THAT BLACK AFRICA WAS DOING US A FAVOR BY LETTING US PLAY A ROLE. WE DID NOT CONSIDER THE FIVE PRESIDENTS' STATEMENT A REJECTION AND THE SECRETARY HAD JUST FINISHED INFORMING THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR THAT WE CONSIDERED THE RHODESIANS STILL COMMITTED.

3. THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED TO KADUMA THAT HE HAD WANTED TO GET RHODESIANS COMMITTED TO SPECIFICS IN ADVANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS SO THERE WOULD BE NO BACKING OUT LATER. SMITH'S FIVE POINTS WERE WHAT WE HAD INSISTED UPON, THE REST OF SMITH'S STATEMENT WAS HIS OWN. IT NOW REMAINED TO BE SEEN WHETHER SMITH WOULD ATTEND A CONFERENCE AFTER LUSAKA STATEMENT. KADUMA THOUGHT THAT IF HE DID NOT ATTEND HE SHOULD SEND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO REPRESENT WHITE RHODESIAN MINORITY.

4. THE SECRETARY AND KADUMA DISCUSSED THE MECHANICS OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AT SOME LENGTH. BOTH AGREED THAT THE IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT THEY WERE AGREED UPON THE GOALS. KADUMA SUGGESTED AND THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT WE SHOULD NOW SEE WHAT RESULTS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE LATEST PROPOSAL AND THE CONFERENCE TO BE CALLED BY THE BRITISH.

5. THERE WAS A LONG DISCUSSION OF INSURANCE FUND. KADUMA SAID THAT IF THE FUND ENCOURAGED WHITES TO LEAVE IT WAS ALL RIGHT. BUT IF MECHANISM WAS SUCH THAT IT WOULD ENCOURAGE THEM TO STAY WITH THE ASSURANCE OF COMPENSATION WHEN AND IF THEY DECIDED TO LEAVE, IT WOULD HAVE A BAD EFFECT.

6. ON SUBJECT OF UN DEBATE ON NAMIBIA, KADUMA SAID THAT AFRICANS STILL CONSIDERING STRATEGY, BUT FELT THAT THEY
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HAD TO DO SOMETHING AND MIGHT WANT TO BRING IN ARTICLE 7. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THIS MIGHT BE UNFORTUNATE AT THIS TIME WHEN THERE WAS A GOOD POSSIBILITY OF CONVOKING A CONFERENCE ON NAMIBIA, AS HE HAD TOLD PRESIDENT NYERERE, AND WHEN THERE IS AGREEMENT ON A) INDEPENDENCE, B) SWAPO PARTICIPATIONS, AND C) A UN ROLE. SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD ALREADY AGREED TO SEND A MAN TO GENEVA TO SPEAK TO SWAPO ABOUT A CONSTITUTION, AND THAT IT

MUST BY NOW HAVE ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT SWAPO WILL END UP AS THE DOMINANT POWER IN NAMIBIA. BUT THE SECRETARY OPINED THAT THE USG WOULD CONSIDER AN ARTICLE 7 EMBARGO UNFORTUNATE AT A TIME WHEN SO MANY OTHER THINGS WERE GOING ON.

7. AMONG OTHER POINTS MADE BY SECRETARY WERE: THE UNITED STATES SOUGHT NO BENEFITS FOR ITSELF FROM THESE NEGOTIATIONS EXCEPT THE LONG-RANGE ONES WHICH WOULD ENSUE FROM A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. KADUMA THOUGHT THERE WERE BENEFITS FOR ALL, DIRECT AND INDIRECT, FROM A SETTLEMENT AND HE ASKED THE SECRETARY TO FIND WAYS TO GIVE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS SOME CREDIT.

8. CALL LASTED 1 AND 1/2 HOURS AND INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF SEVERAL OTHER SUBJECTS OF MORE GENERAL NATURE AND UNCONNECTED WITH AFRICA. KADUMA WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR BOMANI, AND CHRISTOPHER LIUNDI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF TANZANIAN YOUTH AND SPORT ASSOCIATION AND A MEMBER OF UN DELEGATION. MEETING WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS AND ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE. ROBINSON

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